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PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

# HARDEEVILLE PRT HAPPENINGS

Official Newsletter of the Hardeeville Parks, Recreation,  
and Tourism Department



## New Year 2022

*New Year  
New Me!*

The New Year is here and we are so excited to welcome it. We have a brand new beautiful Recreation Center located at 285 John Smith Road, Hardeeville, S.C. right across the street from Royal Live Oaks Academy. The Hardeeville Recreation Center is a 35,000 sq. ft. facility with a fully equipped fitness center and an indoor walking track. If you or someone you know is an athlete, we have you covered. The Recreation Center also has a NCAA regulation basketball court, volleyball, racquetball, and pickleball courts. There are also meeting spaces and classrooms. We are always planning new activities for people of all ages. If you are looking to work on your health and athletic goals for this year or are just looking to add some fun in your life, come play with us!



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### Recreation Advisory Commission (RAC)

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- Kathy Talbot, Co-Chair
- Tammy Gray
- Kevin Lombard
- Landon Papay
- Terry Laseter
- Victoria Campbell

The Recreation Advisory Commission meets on the 2nd Monday of every month, 5:30 PM at City Hall.

Want to serve? Applications are online at the City's website. For more information, please email us at [recre8@hardeevillesc.gov](mailto:recre8@hardeevillesc.gov)





## Holiday Festivities

Santa was in town, did you get to see him?

This holiday season was warm and bright. We were so excited to see our wonderful community come out and support one another. Our first event was the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Everyone gathered around and enjoyed a nice hot cup of cocoa and delicious sugar cookies. Children and adults alike gathered around to delight in fun holidays traditions. The reading of the Night Before Christmas was read as children gathered together. All enjoyed and gasped in delight when the Christmas tree lit up like magic! Of course the real highlight was when Santa himself showed up in the HFD Fire truck.



Children and adults were able to visit with Santa and tell him their Christmas wishes in person. Santa then gave everyone a Santa hat, a small plush reindeer friend, and a candy cane. That wasn't the only holiday fun we had. Santa along with the Hardeeville Public Works staff and the PRT staff went around the City collecting donations for toys and sweaters to donate to our local children. Some very special volunteers served as Santa's helpers and helped sort and wrapped gifts for Santa's Toy Box. Santa and his helpers then delivered toys to all of the good boys and girls of Hardeeville at the local schools and churches.

We still don't know how Santa does it all but he also went on a City wide tour and drove around different neighborhoods escorted by his friends at the HPD, HFD, and Hardeeville City Council giving out candy. He then met with children at Fire Station 81 to take pictures and hand out gifts. Now Santa is resting and getting ready to do it all again! Thank you to all who helped! We couldn't do this without your help and support!

"As we give presents at Christmas, we need to recognize that sharing our time and ourselves is such an important part of giving."

GORDON B. HINCKLEY





# 2022 Annual Calendar of Events

## January

This schedule may be modified based on current COVID-19 Restrictions and SC Executive Orders in place.

Dates are subject to change. Rain Dates are available for most.

## February

Please find up to date programs and events information on our RecDesk Community portal at the link below:

<https://cityofhardeeville.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

## March

## April

- 9th - Easter Egg Hunt
- 11th-15th Operation Bunny Drop
- 22nd- Earth Day Litter Sweep

## May

- 14th - Fishing Rodeo / Kids to Parks Day

## June

- 4th - Bark in the Park
- 25th - 4th off Main

## July

## August

- 3rd - Fill the Bus Campaign

## September

- 17th - Food Truck Roundup

## October

- 14th & 15th - Festival on Main
- 31st - Trunk or Treat

## November

- Nov. 14th - Dec. 7th - Santa's Toy Box Collection
- 15th - 4th Annual Battle of the Badges

## December

- 1st - Tree Lighting (Rain Date December 2nd)
- 7th - Santa's Toy Box Pick-Up
- 9th - Santa's Gift Wrap Party
- 10th - Hardeeville's Holiday
- 13th - 15th Santa's Toy Box Distribution
- 16th - Mayor's Senior Luncheon



# 2021 In Review



## 2021 Drive-Thru Grab and Go Easter Eggstravaganza

In 2021 we had an amazing Easter. Although we were not able to hold a traditional Easter Egg hunt, our team got creative and hosted a drive-thru event. The Bunny Drops was new in 2021 and super popular. Kids got a home egg delivery by the Easter Bunny himself!

## Easter Bunny x HPD Visits

HDP's COP officer teamed up with the Easter Bunny and drove around Hardeeville handing out bags stuffed with candy and Easter eggs. It was a beautiful spring day as the Easter Bunny and HPD built positive and nurturing community relationships.



## Dog Park Ribbon Cutting

The City held its "official" ribbon cutting for the new dog park located in the Richard Gray Recreation Park Complex! Many thanks to all the hands, hearts and paws that made this dream a reality for our community. Special thank you to our City Council, Recreation Advisory Commission, PARD, Terry Laseter, PETCO( Blake Carroll )

## 2021 Earth Day and Litter Sweep

We were humbled by the turnout and the impact people can make together working towards one goal. So many hands helping today including our City Council, HPD, HFD, DNR, PWD, KJB, and the many neighborhood teams that participated.



## 2021 Fishing Rodeo

The 2021 Fishing Rodeo was our first in person program of the year. We were so excited to have children and their families go outside and do something fun, like catching catfish, and winning prizes! We practiced social distancing and wore masks when needed to stay safe. It was great to have people come out and enjoy nature and each other after being apart for so long.



# 2021 In Review

## PRT Visits Royal Live Oaks Academy Field Day 2021 as part of its 3P Program

Hardeeville PRT and our amazing interns had the opportunity to join Royal Live Oaks Academy for their 2021 Field Day. We loved playing games and doing activities with the students. You can see one of our interns supervising a parachute session. There was also soccer, freeze tag, an obstacle course, kickball, bubble, giant tic-tac-toe, and other fun games. The Hardeeville Team has a mobile unit that hosts fun for agencies at zero cost, bringing the parks to the people.



## 2021 4th off Main

This past year's 4th off Main was a success. We had a live band playing music as people relaxed on their lawn chairs and picnic blankets. The community came together to enjoy games, food trucks, and of course fireworks. The night sky lit up as the fireworks captivated children and adults alike.



## Hardeeville Recreation Center Opening Celebration

The Hardeeville Recreation Center Gala was an emotional and exciting evening. A lot of key players in making the Recreation Center a reality came together to celebrate and take in the amazing new facility that provides a safe haven for our residents and visitors to work out, take recreational classes, and participate in activities and events planned with them in mind. A tear or two may have been shed, but who can blame us.



## Hardeeville Recreation Center Grand Opening

The big day was here! We got to see you all come in and see the space that was created with you in mind. We had music, games, giveaways, raffles, and live demonstrations of physical fitness classes. The public was welcomed to come and work out and try out the center for free. There were also tours and food! Goodness it was such a fun event!





# 2021 In Review

## 2021 Fill the Bus

Our 2021 Fill the Bus event was a smashing success. Hardeeville showed up BIG for our annual Fill the Bus! We want to send a huge thank you to Sun City, Margaritaville-Latitude Lakes, Hilton Head Lakes, Riverton Pointe and downtown Hardeeville residents for donating so much for our students in Hardeeville! Special thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that came out and sorted then filled bags, we wrapped up in a day...AMAZING what volunteers can do!



## 2021 Festival on Main

There is so much to say about the 2021 Festival on Main. The 2 day festival was packed with fun for everyone. Friday night was Latin Night with Pachanga taking the stage and filling the sound waves with Latin music. There were amusement rides, food vendors, and craft vendors on both nights. FOM also featured the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show as they showcased a wide variety of skills and tricks



## 2021 Public Safety Night

We had a great time at Public Safety Night! There was music, food, games, and free swag! It was so much fun to see our community come together and learn more about our local public safety agencies and organizations. Anytime our community can come together and have safe fun is a good time. Thank you Hardeeville Fire and Hardeeville Police for putting on a great event!



## 2021 Trunk-or-Treat

The 2021 Trunk-or-Treat was truly the spookiest night of this past year. There were so many boys and ghouls running around collecting candy from our amazing trunk volunteers. The hardest part of the night was judging the different costumes for the costume contest because everyone did such an amazing job. Did we mention we had a real-life (okay maybe not "real") dinosaur stomping around. Can you guess which trunk she came from?





# 2021 In Review

## 2021 Battle of the Badges

Our community came out to watch the epic Battle of the Badges and was treated to an awesome game! Hardeeville Fire Department took the win after a close game with Hardeeville Police Department. Thank you to our many generous sponsors, community and of course our hometown heroes, our men and women in public safety!



## 2021 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Thank you to everyone who came to the Hardeeville Annual Christmas Tree Lighting! We had a jolly good time seeing all of the good boys and girls meeting Santa. Hot chocolate and sugar cookies were enjoyed while everyone gathered around and listened to Christmas carols, stories, and chanted for the magical Christmas tree to light up. The night was truly made when Santa Claus made his appearance and children witnessed the magic of the holiday season.



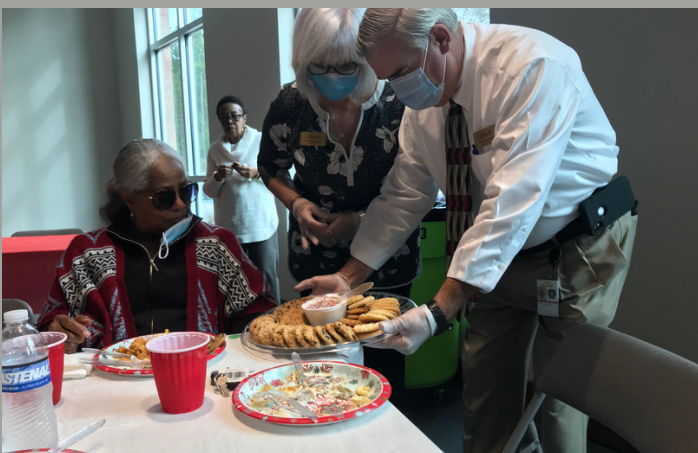
## 2021 Santa's Toy Box

Santa and his elves drove around Hardeeville picking up the generous donations from our local neighborhoods. Sun City donated toys for our local schools and Margaritaville and Hilton Head Lake held a coat drive to ensure our children would be warm this holiday season. Santa and his elves were even greeted by cookies and sweets at different stops. But nothing was sweeter than children receiving their wrapped Christmas and knowing that the magic of Christmas lives in Hardeeville.



## 2021 Annual Senior Holiday Lunch

The Hardeeville Recreation Center was very honored to host the Mayor's Annual Senior Holiday Lunch. Volunteers served an amazing catered lunch (Pizza Bella in Ridgeland, SC) while they enjoyed fellowship and holiday cheer.





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**"Recreation's purpose is not to kill time, but to make life, not to keep a person occupied, but to keep them refreshed; not to offer an escape from life, but to provide a discovery of life."**

**-Author Unknown**

